

REMARKS

In the previously filed response dated September 22, 2003 to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, applicants amended claims 1-24 to correct informalities, in formal respects to improve the wording, and to bring them into better conformance with U.S. practice. A new abstract which more clearly reflects the invention to which the amended claims are directed was substituted for the original abstract.

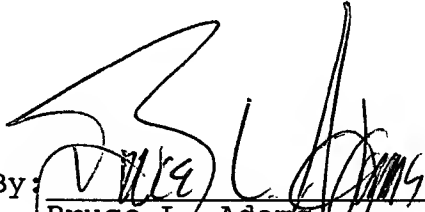
By this supplemental response, the specification has been suitably revised to correct informalities, including missing words, improper punctuation, and grammatical/idiomatic errors. Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendments to the specification do not introduce new matter into the originally filed disclosure.

In view of the foregoing amendments, and in view of the amendments presented in the September 22, 2003 response, the application is now in condition for formal allowance.

Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and passage of the application to issue are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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